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MEMORIAL INFIRMARY
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FRIDAY, 28TH JUNE, 1912.







OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

THEIR MAJESTIES THE KING AND QUEEN attended by THE LADY AMPHILL (Lady in Waiting), THE HONOURABLE KATHERINE VILLIERS (Maid of Honour in Waiting), THE RIGHT HONOURABLE REGINALD MCKENNA, M.P. (Minister in Attendance), LORD HERSCHELL (Lord in Waiting), LORD STAMFORDHAM (Private Secretary), LIEUT.-COLONEL SIR CHARLES FREDERICK (Master of the Household), SIR WALTER CAMPBELL (Groom in Waiting), THE HONOURABLE SIR DEREK KEPPEL and LIEUTENANT-COLONEL SIR FREDERICK PONSONBY (Equerries in Waiting), will arrive at the Bristol Royal Infirmary at 3.0 p.m.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, The Sheriff and Mrs. Bush, The Lords Lieutenant, The Countess Beauchamp, The Members of Parliament and the other gentlemen in the Royal Procession will proceed direct to their special seats on the south side of the Royal Dais.





A Guard of Honour of the South Midland Royal Engineers with Regimental Band will be mounted in front of the Main Entrance.

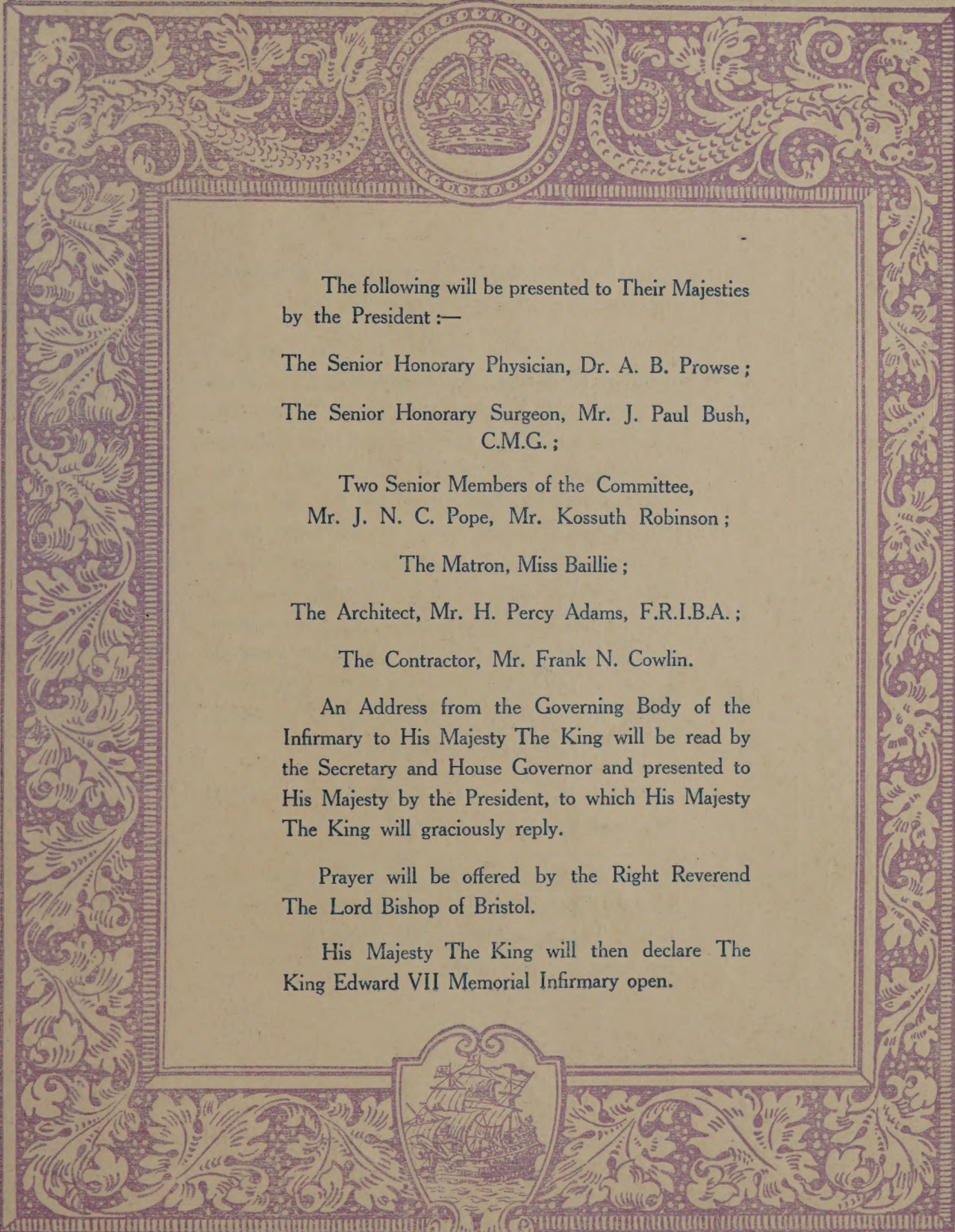
Their Majesties will be received at the Entrance to The King Edward VII Memorial Infirmary by His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, Vice-Patron of the Bristol Royal Infirmary, and Her Grace the Duchess of Beaufort, President Bristol Royal Infirmary Ladies' Needlework Guild, also by Sir George White, Bart., President Bristol Royal Infirmary, Lady White, Mr. Philip H. Vaughan, Vice-President, and Mr. W. E. Budgett, Secretary and House Governor.

Sir George White, Bart., Mr. Philip H. Vaughan and Mr. W. E. Budgett will be presented to Their Majesties by His Grace the Duke of Beaufort, and Lady White by Her Grace the Duchess of Beaufort.

Their Majesties will then be conducted by way of the main corridor and lift to their reception room opening on to the Dais erected in the quadrangle, where the opening ceremony will take place.

Her Majesty The Queen will graciously accept a fan, to be presented by Lady White.





The following will be presented to Their Majesties
by the President :—

The Senior Honorary Physician, Dr. A. B. Prowse ;

The Senior Honorary Surgeon, Mr. J. Paul Bush,
C.M.G. ;

Two Senior Members of the Committee,
Mr. J. N. C. Pope, Mr. Kossuth Robinson ;

The Matron, Miss Baillie ;

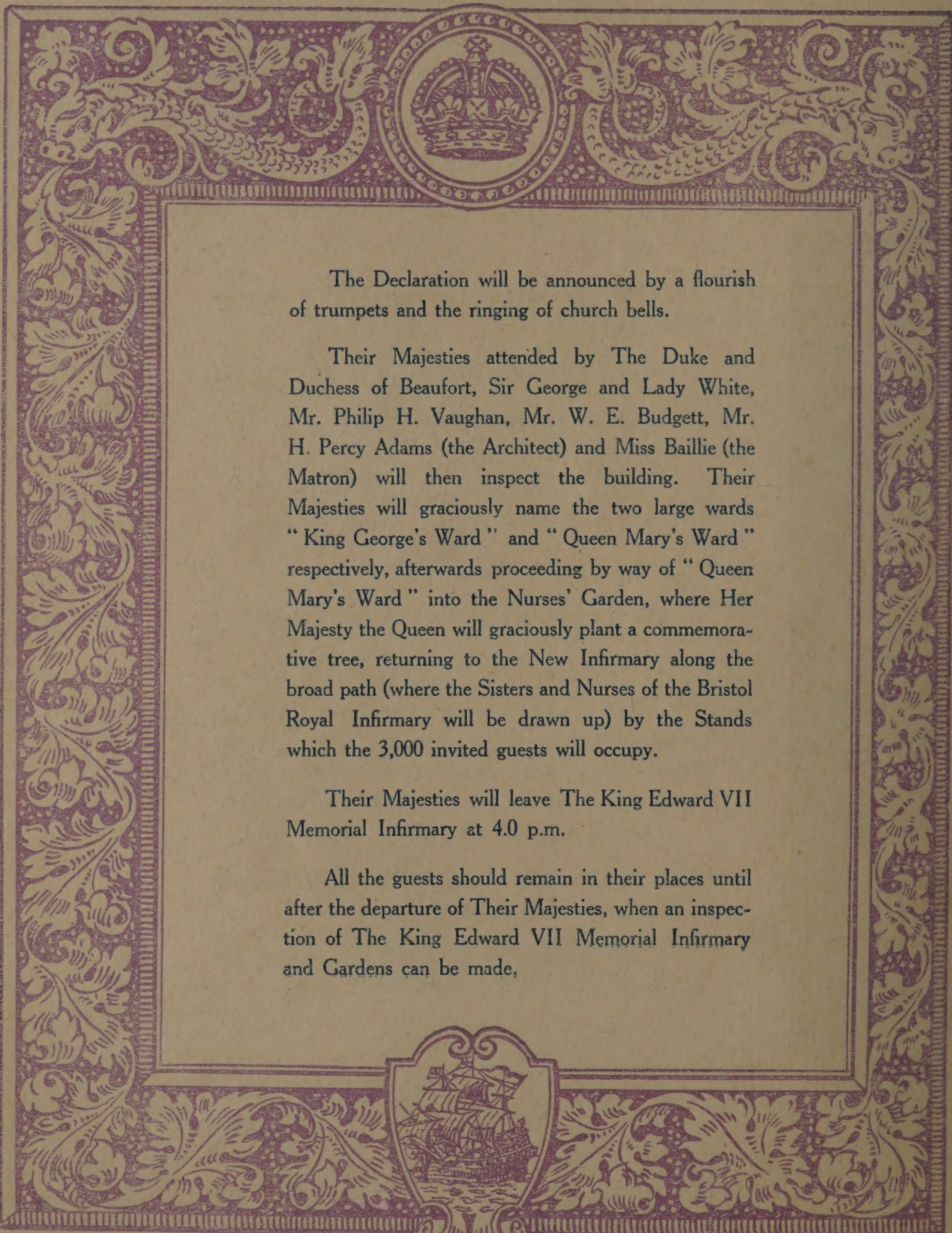
The Architect, Mr. H. Percy Adams, F.R.I.B.A. ;

The Contractor, Mr. Frank N. Cowlin.

An Address from the Governing Body of the
Infirmary to His Majesty The King will be read by
the Secretary and House Governor and presented to
His Majesty by the President, to which His Majesty
The King will graciously reply.

Prayer will be offered by the Right Reverend
The Lord Bishop of Bristol.

His Majesty The King will then declare The
King Edward VII Memorial Infirmary open.



The Declaration will be announced by a flourish of trumpets and the ringing of church bells.

Their Majesties attended by The Duke and Duchess of Beaufort, Sir George and Lady White, Mr. Philip H. Vaughan, Mr. W. E. Budgett, Mr. H. Percy Adams (the Architect) and Miss Baillie (the Matron) will then inspect the building. Their Majesties will graciously name the two large wards "King George's Ward" and "Queen Mary's Ward" respectively, afterwards proceeding by way of "Queen Mary's Ward" into the Nurses' Garden, where Her Majesty the Queen will graciously plant a commemorative tree, returning to the New Infirmary along the broad path (where the Sisters and Nurses of the Bristol Royal Infirmary will be drawn up) by the Stands which the 3,000 invited guests will occupy.

Their Majesties will leave The King Edward VII Memorial Infirmary at 4.0 p.m.

All the guests should remain in their places until after the departure of Their Majesties, when an inspection of The King Edward VII Memorial Infirmary and Gardens can be made,



The following is the ADDRESS to be presented to His Majesty by the Governors and Subscribers of the Bristol Royal Infirmary :—

TO HIS MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
KING GEORGE V.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

We, the President and Committee, on behalf of the 3,500 Governors and Subscribers of the Bristol Royal Infirmary, desire humbly to approach Your Majesty with respectful and loyal attachment and with grateful acknowledgment of the honour conferred by your gracious presence on this auspicious day, rendered more memorable in that Her Most Gracious Majesty The Queen accompanies Your Majesty and thus once more shews her very real sympathy with every work whose object is the amelioration of the sufferings of the poor.

The Bristol Royal Infirmary, founded in the year 1735, is one of the oldest hospitals in your Kingdom and the largest Medical Charity in the West of England. During its long history it has dealt with no less than 2,470,000 patients, while last year over 61,000 patients were treated.



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The present Infirmary provides 270 beds, but increasing demands made considerable extension imperative and the New Infirmary, dedicated as a Memorial to His late Majesty King Edward VII, will accommodate 181 additional patients. It is intended to devote this building to Surgical, Casualty and Special Departments.

The King Edward VII Memorial Infirmary has cost between £70,000 and £80,000, but, although in itself a complete Infirmary, it is only the first instalment of a scheme designed for a transfer of the whole Establishment to the new site already acquired, which will involve a total outlay of over £200,000.

In order to supplement the present work, the Nurses' Home has also been extended so as to accommodate the staff of 188 Sisters and Nurses, whilst the addition of about two acres of garden will be a boon to the Patients and Nurses.

Under the scheme of Your Majesty's Secretary of State for War, it is necessary to provide in certain eventualities a Base Hospital in Bristol with 520 beds. By the opening of The King Edward VII Memorial Infirmary and the extension of the Nurses' Home, a total of upwards of 600 beds could be provided and,

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having formulated a scheme for dealing with the civil patients in such an eventuality, the Governors resolved to comply with the request of the British Red Cross Society to place the whole Bristol Royal Infirmary and its equipment at the disposition of the War Office in case of need. This offer has been gratefully accepted by the County Territorial Association. We sincerely trust that the necessity may never arise, but it is a satisfaction to know that arrangements have been made which will enable a complete Hospital to be instantly at the service of Your Majesty's Forces.

Your Majesty's gracious consent as also that of Her Majesty The Queen to become the Patrons of the Institution and the privilege of using the Royal Arms which was accorded last year has been a great encouragement to the Governors, whilst the opening of The King Edward VII Memorial Infirmary by Your Majesty this day will, we believe, prove only the beginning of still further extension.

The dedication of the New Infirmary by the Governors as a Memorial to Your Majesty's late beloved Father is one of the means by which Bristol secures a daily reminder of the absorbing interest



shewn by King Edward VII in the healing of the sick, whilst we thankfully recognise that Your Majesty is present here to-day, not only as our Sovereign, but also as the Head of all Hospital work in your Kingdom in regard to which Your Majesty has displayed so much thoughtful care and practical interest.

We pray that the Divine Blessing may attend Your Majesties in your daily lives and charitable works and that the years to come may bring every happiness to Your Majesties and the Members of your Royal House.

Dated the 28th day of June, 1912.

GEORGE WHITE, *President.*

PHILIP H. VAUGHAN, *Vice-President.*

W. E. BUDGETT, *Secretary and House
Governor.*





PRAYER

to be offered by

THE RIGHT REV. THE LORD BISHOP
OF BRISTOL.

*O Lord Jesu Christ, who for our sake didst take upon Thee our flesh, to suffer with us and to give Thyself for us, a sacrifice of love : we humbly invoke Thy Blessing upon this place, devoted to the healing of bodily sickness and the relief of bodily pain. Guide, O Lord, those to whom is entrusted the care of this Royal Infirmary, that they may seek to follow truly in Thy footsteps, Thou who didst give Thyself to the remedying of divers diseases and the preventing of sundry kinds of death. Bless the skill and the patience of all who here in their several capacities minister to the afflicted. Comfort each one of those who suffer, as he lieth sick upon his bed : make Thou all his bed in his sickness. Of Thy great mercy grant that the trials of the body may turn to the good of the soul, that Thy saints may rejoice in their beds. And when the care and the skill of nurse and physician no longer avail, and Thou art pleased to take any hence, take them into Thy favour, O Blessed Lord, and plead for them on the right hand of the Almighty Father.—
Amen.*







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